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Learning from the Past



Japanese American Internment

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nonfiction

J 940.5308 C Fighting for Honor : Japanese Americans and World War II by Michael L. Cooper. 2000.

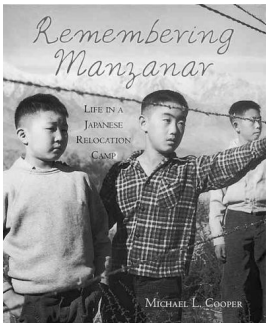
Examines the history of the Japanese in the United States, focusing on their treatment during World War II, including the mass relocation to internment camps and the distinguished service of Japanese Americans in the American military.

J 940.5315 S I am an American : a True Story of the Japanese Internment by Jerry Stanley. 1994.

Young Shi Nomura was among the 110,000 American citizens who lost everything when he was sent by the U.S. government to Manzanar, an internment camp in the California desert, simply because he was of Japanese ancestry.

J 940.5317 T The Children of Topaz : the Story of a Japanese-American Internment Camp : Based on a Classroom Diary by Michael O. Tunnell. 1996.

The diary of a third-grade class of Japanese-American children being held with their families in an internment camp during World War II.



J 940.5472 H The Japanese American Internment : an Interactive History Adventure by Rachael Hanel. 2008.

Describes the events surrounding the internment of Japanese Americans in relocation centers during World War II. The reader's choices reveal the historical

details from the perspective of Japanese internees and Caucasians.

J 940.5472 C Remembering Manzanar : Life in a Japanese Relocation Camp by Michael L. Cooper. 2002.

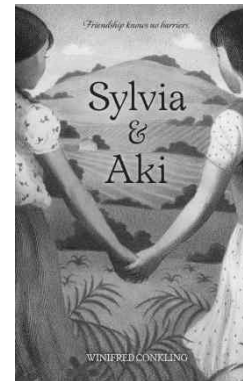
Uses firsthand accounts, oral histories, and essays from school newspapers and yearbooks to tell the story of the Japanese Americans who were sent to live in government-run internment camps during World War II.

fiction

JCD JA MOCHIZUKI Baseball saved us [sound recording] by Ken Mochizuki. 2004.

A Japanese American boy learns to play baseball when he and his family are forced to live in an internment camp during World War II, and he uses his skill after the war is over.

J DENENBERG The Journal of Ben Uchida, Citizen 13559, Mirror Lake Internment Camp. 1999.



Twelve-year-old Ben Uchida keeps a journal of his experiences as a prisoner in a Japanese internment camp in Mirror Lake, California, during World War II.

J CONKLING Sylvia & Aki by Winifred Conkling. 2011.

At the start of World War II, Japanese-American third-grader Aki and her family are sent to an internment camp in Poston, Arizona, while Mexican-American third-grader Sylvia's family leases their Orange County, California, farm and begins a fight to stop school segregation.

J PATNEAUDE Thin Wood Walls by David Patneaude. 2004.

When the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, Joe Hamada and his family face growing prejudice, eventually being torn away from their home and sent to a relocation camp in California, even as his older brother joins the United States Army to fight in the war.

J KADOHATA Weedflower by Cynthia Kadohata. 2006.

After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop.